

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/699,417
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Group Art Unit	1723
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file an RCE. The Director has determined that the application (CPL) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(d) of 10/20/2003 is subject to the requirements for the subject matter examined pursuant of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Patent Application Practice Rule 65 (Pat. App. 159992 (Aug. 18, 2003); Interim Rule 65 Pub. Reg. 1486 (Mar. 28, 2003); 1238 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 14, 2003), which supersedes PTO practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- b. Enclosed
- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Other

3. Fees - The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.
 - i. RCE fee is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other
- b. Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2036 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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